

LESSONS AND READERS

December 9 - Advent II

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 64, 1-5 Miss S. Marson  
Ep. 2 Timothy 3, 14-4, 5 Mr. A. Curtis  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 11, 10-12 Mr. McCullough  
N.T. Luke 1, 1-25 Mr. J. Guy

December 16 - Advent III

9.00 a.m. O.T. Malachi 3, 1-5 Dr. G. O. Brooks  
Ep. Philippians 4, 4-9 Mr. Whittaker

December 23 - Advent IV

9.00 a.m. O.T. Zechariah 2, 10-13 Miss P. Marson  
Ep. Revelation 21, 1-17 Mr. K. Finch

JANUARY 1974 NOT AVAILABLE.

December 25 - Christmas

Midnight on Christmas Eve -

O.T. Isaiah 9, 2-7 Mr. P. Slack  
Ep. 1 John 4, 7-14 Mr. G. Stobbs

9.00 a.m. O.T. Micah 5, 2-4 Miss P. Stobbs  
Ep. Titus 2, 11-14 Mr. A. Reid

December 30 - Christmas 1

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 49, 7-13 Miss J. Price  
Ep. Ephesians 3, 1-6  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 12 Miss M. Cornell  
N.T. Philippians 2, 1-11 Mr. H. Russell

January 6 - Epiphany

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 60, 1-6 Miss S. Guy  
Ep. Ephesians 3, 1-12 Mr. J. Ruff  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 60, 9-end Mr. Gould  
N.T. John 2, 1-11 Mr. Blandy.

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I write this while there is great uncertainty about the national situation, and I hope that all of us are praying that those who are concerned in the present crisis most closely may be given wisdom and understanding. In any case the words which the Bishop wrote in January are most important and it seems as if we are going to have to re-think quite a number of our attitudes in the days ahead. We have a duty to help in every way by our thoughtfulness, love and cheerfulness in the problematic course of life which is before us. Perhaps the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 27, will have a special meaning for us. We are pilgrims and this world is not our home, and so we ought not to expect to have every thing easy. When we consider that in 1970 the Parish Churches in England raised £2,921,000 now money and, of this, over 95% was spent on parochial expenditure and 1.3% on the Church overseas, we need to consider whether we have our priorities right. Or again, when we consider the amount of money wasted on alcohol, tobacco and gambling in our country and the amount given to needy objects, we ought as Christians to be ashamed. Watching T.V. is an illuminating experience, especially I.T.V. where the advertisements make it so plainly obvious that the people who advertise, and those who buy, regard as necessities what most right-thinking people would regard as luxuries and in certain cases useless commodities. On the human side, to grope through this kind of exercise at a time when the whole of our economy is in such jeopardy seems absurd. We who are not ashamed to be followers of Christ must show by our readiness to deny ourselves that we do not go along with so much which is assumed as essential to the modern way of living.

Perhaps in these days the old fashioned Lent Rule does not seem to be very appropriate, but I am sure that we should demonstrate that as Christians we have a certain life-style which is unmistakable. This has for its ingredients -

GOD first,  
a readiness to live in charity with our neighbours next,  
and thirdly a determination to live a disciplined and positive daily life.

Here is a suggestion to make this more clear, "I will, during Lent, be at the Eucharist every Sunday without fail and I will treat everybody I meet in the home, village, office or workplace with courtesy and kindness, and I will also try to save a definite sum each week to give away to some worthy cause which I know about." Here is a good life-style and, if it is backed up by private prayer whenever possible and a real attempt to get hold of the message of the New Testament, we shall greet Easter with joy and a sense of blessing. Why not have a go?

I am conscious of the Church's duty to the sick. While having the most tremendous respect for the medical and nursing profession, yet I am sure we must not forget that each one of us is an amalgam, not only of mind and body, but also of spirit. What we all need is something, or shall we say SOMEBODY who deals with our whole being. When we are sick we need medicine and care, but we also need a close touch with the source of wholeness and this comes through prayer and the sacraments. I am always glad to help in this way and I feel that I ought to be able to say, "We", because this is a concern of the whole Church. For many years I have laid hands on the sick and anointed them, praying that they may experience that wholeness which is so important for all of us to experience. I also know the therapeutic value of the Holy Communion whereby Christ the Good Physician enters into our lives and cleanses

and builds them up from within. We do pray for the sick in church, and I count it a great privilege to visit them.

I shall be in Retreat at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham from 18th to 22nd February. On Thursday, February 21st, the film about the Evangelical Sisterhood at Darunstadt in Germany will be shown at the Co-operative Education Centre, Broad Street, Nottingham at 7.30 pm. This is a remarkable film and would be of great interest to those who care about the development of Community life in the Evangelical Churches.

Ash Wednesday is on February 27th. There will be the Eucharist at 7.30 am and at 7.30 pm. We shall have the evening Eucharist on Wednesdays during Lent as we did last year, at 7.30 pm.

Please look at the notice boards in the church porch and especially for sidesmen, readers and cleaners. We are grateful to all who help in these ways and also to those who so generously give flowers.

During the energy crisis, Sunday School will be held in church. We shall have the Mothering Sunday Service on March 24th at 3.30 pm.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

#### HOLY BAPTISM

January 13 Heather Louise  
daughter of John William and  
Valerie Joan SPICK.

We welcome Heather Louise into Christ's Family

#### R.I.P.

January 2 Leslie Lowe aged 61

After a service in the church,  
burial was at Wilford.

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LENT SELF DENIAL BOXES are available from the Rector, either for the Church of England Children Society or for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (U.S.P.G.)

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A SINCERE WORD OF THANKS to all those people who kindly distribute the copies of the News Sheet each month. We do appreciate all that they do so willingly.

If any additional copies are required, have a word with Miss Hand who is the tireless organiser of distribution. She can then tell the correct distributor and, if necessary, arrange with the Editor for more copies to be printed.

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THE SERVICE OF THE FIVE CANDLES will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 6.30 pm.

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## LESSONS AND READERS

### February 3

9.00 am (O.T.) 1 Kings 10, 1-13 Miss P.Marson  
(Ep.) Ephesians 3,8-19 Mr.G.Whittaker  
6.30 pm Special Lessons for the Service  
of the Five Candles.

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### February 10

9.00 am (O.T.) Proverbs 3, 1-8 Mr.T.Ashton  
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 2,1-10 Miss S. Guy  
6.30 pm (O.T.) Genesis 2,4-end Mr.A.Curtis  
(N.T.) Mark 10, 1-16 Dr.G.O.Brooks

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### February 17

9.00 am (O.T.) 2 Kings 5,1-14 Mr.J.McCullough  
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 12,1-10 Miss M.Cornoll  
6.30 pm (O.T.) Genesis 37 Capt.A.Jay  
(N.T.) Luke 10, 25-37 Miss C.Price

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### February 24

9.00 am (O.T.) Jonah 1, 1-17 Mr. D. Gould  
(Ep.) James 1, 2-12 Miss P.Stobbs  
6.30 pm (O.T.) Genesis 41, 1-40 Mr.H.Russell  
(N.T.) 1 John 4, 7-end Mr. P. Blandy

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### March 3

9.00 am (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6,10-17 Mr.K.Finch  
(Ep.) Hebrews 4,12-16 Mr.P.Slack  
6.30 pm (O.T.) Genesis 42 Mr.G.Whittaker  
(N.T.) Luke 22, 1-23 Mr.A.Reid

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## SIDESMEN'S ROTA

### February 3

9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand  
6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand

### February 10

9.00 a.m. Mr. Reid  
6.30 p.m. Mr. Curtis

### February 17

9.00 a.m. Mr. Whittaker  
6.30 p.m. Capt. Jay

### February 24

9.00 a.m. Dr. Brooks  
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I hope all of us are at this time praying very much for our country, for unity, justice and understanding. We shall also need to pray for ourselves that as Christians, we may be patient. This is one of the great Christian virtues - not much advertised on the Radio or T.V., but nevertheless a virtue which makes a tremendous difference, and it is true to say that those who have it get through and those who haven't quite often crack up. I don't know as I write this what the result of the Election will be, but I do know that it is our duty as Christians to back up and support the lawfully elected Government with our prayers and our support. This is not a matter of party politics but rather our duty as Christians and citizens. We certainly are beginning Lent at a time of stress and conflict, but we must not be frightened or get downhearted. Christians are at their best when temptation is strong. In any case, experience in coping when things are difficult and trying is a necessary part of our progress towards maturity.

I wonder what happens when you get your News Sheet. Do you read it and forget it, or do you think about it? Sometimes I get a reaction and sometimes not. I hope all who read what I said about the Church's ministry of healing found it encouraging and helpful. This month I want to say a few words about the Church's ministry of forgiveness.

The first thing is not to compare ourselves with our neighbours but with Jesus Christ and let His Spirit help us to face the facts about ourselves. It's a bad thing to be in the dark about our real nature. Each of us has a shadow side and we need to face it - not alone but with Christ. We should

then own up to God about these failures. We may also need to apologise to people we may have hurt and certainly to drop all quarrels. We shall also need to be sure we are forgiven. So many people live in a twilight world with a bad conscience and a lot of unnecessary anxiety and sense of guilt when they should learn to accept God's forgiveness. Throughout the ministry of the Church of God there has been a sacramental way of doing this called making our confession and receiving God's absolution. I myself know from experience the blessing of this way of repentance and forgiveness and I commend to you a passage from a recent book written by a friend of mine called 'Dynamic of Love' - an exploration into believing, praying and being human. It is by Mark Gibbard. (The passage from this book is quoted later in this News Sheet).

I am grateful to all who help me in church in any way and indeed to those who help in the village. Mrs. Atkins has very kindly taken over the appeal for clothing for Help the Aged, and the Kneeton Carol Service collection was given for this worthy cause. Help the Aged publishes an excellent newspaper which is for senior citizens. The Boys' Brigade has taken on a new lease of life I am glad to say, and they meet on Tuesday evenings. The Sunday School members are having an exciting course on the Church's work in Korea. I commend the R.N.L.I. appeal, also given elsewhere in this News Sheet.

May God bless us all.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

LENT 1974

Sundays

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist

6.30 p.m. Evensong

On 3rd March and 7th April -  
Family Service at 10.30 a.m.

March 24th - Mothering Sunday -

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Confirmation and Eucharist  
at Bingham Parish Church conducted  
by Bishop Markham.

3.30 p.m. Mothering Sunday service -  
No evening service at S. Peter's.

6.00 p.m. Evensong at Kneeton.

Other Days

March 25th - Annunciation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary -  
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

Every Tuesday and Friday -  
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

Wednesdays - Eucharist at 7.30 p.m.  
followed by discussion group in the  
Rectory. All are invited. Bring  
your Bible and Prayer Book.

HOLY BAPTISM

February 17 Matthew George, son of  
John Thomas and Lynda Joanne HEATHCOTE

SERVERS

March 3 Russell Hunt  
March 10 Sarah Guy and Sara Marson  
March 17 Russell Hunt  
March 24 Sarah Guy and Sara Marson  
March 31 Russell Hunt

READERS AND LESSONS

March 10 - Lent 2

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 35, 1-10 Miss L. Jones  
(Ep.) 1 John 3.1-8 Mr. A. Curtis  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Genesis 43, 1-15, Dr.G.O.Brooks  
27-end  
(N.T.) Luke 22, 24-53 Capt.A.Jay

March 17 - Lent 3

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 45, 18-25 Miss C.Price  
(Ep.) Coloss'ns 1, 24-29 Mr.G.Whittaker  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Genesis 44-45, 8 Mr. J. Guy  
(N.T.) Luke 22, 54-end Mr.G.Stobbs

March 24 - Lent 4

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) 1 Kings 19, 1-12 Miss J.Price  
(Ep.) 2 Peter 1, 16-19 Mr. J. Ruff  
(No service at S.Peter's at 6.30 p.m.)

March 31 - Lent 5

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Jeremiah 31, 31-34 Miss P.Stobbs  
(Ep.) Hebrews 9, 11-15 Mr. A. Reid  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 6, 2-13 Mr.P.Blandy  
(N.T.) Luke 23, 26-49 Mr.McCullough

April 7 - Palm Sunday

Special Arrangements at the Eucharist.



### SIDESMEN

March 10 9 a.m. Mr.Reid 6.30 p.m. Mr. Curtis  
March 17 9 a.m. Mr.Whittaker 6.30 Capt. Jay  
March 24 9 a.m. Dr.Brooks 6.30 p.m. Dr. Brooks  
March 31 9 a.m. Mr. Hand 6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand  
April 7 9 a.m. Mr. Hand 6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand

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### THE YEAR OF THE LIFE-BOAT.

#### R.N.L.I. 150th ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

In the January number of the Southwell Diocesan News the Bishop asked all parishes to observe Sunday, 10th March, as a day of thanksgiving for 150 years of the life-boat service and prayer for its future. He also recommended Christians to respond generously to the anniversary appeal, which is being made to meet urgent needs.

In the last 10 years there has been a three-fold increase in calls on the lifeboat service, and 4 out of 5 of those rescued have been people on holiday. This new task has required the introduction of a new supplementary fleet of small fast 'Inshore Life-boats' which can be launched from a car trailer and manned by two or three men or women. They cost £1,200 to £5,000 each and there will be 150 of them in service this summer.

Over the last 30 years, three to four life-boatmen have lost their lives for every 1,000 lives saved. Some of those losses have been caused by boats floating upside down after capsizing and drowning their crews inside them. This hazard will be removed as the new self-righting boats come into service. 25 of these boats are now being built or on order at a total cost of £2½million. 45 more are projected. The whole programme will

cost £6 million in addition to the R.N.L.I.'s normal income, which was just over £3 million in 1972.

East Bridgford Life-boat Guild is organising a sponsored walk on 28th April and hopes that the parish will support it. Also anyone who would like to contribute directly to the appeal can do so either through the church or directly to Mrs. Latty, 16 Kneeton Road. Tel. 260.

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#### EXTRACT FROM "DYNAMIC OF LOVE" (An exploration into believing, praying and being human) by MARK GIBBARD

##### REPENTANCE

..... We have to have the certainty that our faults are really forgiven. (This does not mean that in the future we shall become faultless, but at least we should be less self-satisfied) This certainty God himself conveys to the hearts of some people inwardly and directly. But others need to hear the spoken word of forgiveness. The Jewish woman who wept for her faults at the feet of Jesus in the Pharisee's house, could presumably have known from the Psalms that God would forgive her as soon as ever she turned to Him - but she needed to hear for herself the words 'Your sins are forgiven.' There were many in our Lord's lifetime who needed to hear these words said, and there are many of us still today. 'Confess your sins to one another.' It was, I think, to meet this continuing need that, according to the last chapter but one of John's Gospel, the Risen Christ gathered round Him His disciples and told them in effect that they could now continue to do what He

had been doing, assuring men and women of God's forgiveness. 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive any man's sins, they are forgiven; if you pronounce them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.' From this it looks to me as if the Lord expected people to come at times one by one to the apostles. And I should think that the apostles were normally able to say: 'Yes, your sins are forgiven.' Only if there was some obvious insincerity would an apostle have to say: 'No, for the moment I cannot assure you of forgiveness.' It also seems to me that all this refers to the faults of individuals, and not to a congregation of people making a general confession together.

All down the centuries in various ways in the different churches, people have come to their ministers, not of course for their ministers to forgive them, but to receive through their ministers the assurance that God has indeed forgiven them. This has been clearly so in the Eastern Orthodox churches, in the Roman Catholic church and to a lesser extent in the Anglican and other churches. It is probably being rather more used now in the Reformed churches, largely through the influence of the Taizé community .....

The motives that bring people to confession are varied. Some come because they think that this is one of the best ways to receive advice. They know that the priest will give no secrets away, so they feel able to put all their cards on the table. Others come to be set free from their sense of discouragement. Perhaps they say sometimes: 'I can never forgive myself for some things I have done.' They then discover that God himself has forgiven them and so they can now see life in a new perspective. Others say: 'This is the way for me, if I am going to deal with my faults realistically. This is the way to deal with my

self-sufficiency and pride; it will make me more humble, more objective, more human. It has helped many others to live nearer to God, and it may help me.' .....

Confession may be made in church or in more informal ways. Formal confession may not be the precise way for everyone. But we all need to face the facts about ourselves, to be no longer discouraged by our failures, to live closer to Christ. Then we can bring his love and joy to those round about us, to the world in its need.

Forgiveness matters, but it is only half of what matters. The other half is facing the future with a sense of freedom.

('Dynamic of Love' is published by Mowbrays, 80p)

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#### FROM KELHAM - TO.....?

A national newspaper reported, "A Community of monks, committed to a semi-monastic life, is to be established in the New Town of Milton Keynes, Bucks." Further investigation showed that the report referred to the Society of the Sacred Mission which recently sold its buildings at Kelham.

The community will be established temporarily in a four bedroomed house in Willen, a constituent village of the new town. The Society proposes to create a modern priory with a continuous life of prayer and service to the developing new town.

And what of Kelham Hall? Many will know that it has been bought by the new District Council of Newark as its offices, and the chapel will become the Council Chamber. A prestige headquarters indeed, but we will leave the politicians to

continue their argument about whether such public expenditure should have been incurred under existing circumstances.

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#### NEW BIBLE FOR THE BLIND

A modern version of the New Testament is to be transcribed into braille. Naturally it is the British and Foreign Bible Society which is arranging this, and more than 100,000 blind braille readers will benefit.

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#### THE FIGHT AGAINST LEPROSY

It will be three years before a new vaccine to fight leprosy is available for general use. Meanwhile more than 15 million people still suffer from some form of leprosy, with the rate running as high as 40 per thousand in some African countries.

These facts are given in a survey by Dr. Stanley Browne, the distinguished leprologist and adviser to the Leprosy Mission which is celebrating the centenary of its work among sufferers.

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#### TOWARDS A GREATER FREEDOM??

At its meeting on 20th February, the General Synod of the Church of England passed the 'Worship and Doctrine Measure'. If the Measure is approved by Parliament, it will give the Church freedom to govern its doctrine and worship, and in particular to revise the Book of Common Prayer.

This important step was taken after nine years of discussions and the voting was 344 in favour and only 10 against. The Archbishop of Canterbury described the vote as an historic one which had taken 46 years to achieve. It was in 1928 that Parliament rejected the Prayer Book measures but

the Archbishop did not think that on the present occasion Parliament would refuse the Church the freedom that it was now asking.

The Bishop of London, Dr. Gerald Ellison, said that the Church was asking for freedom to regulate its own worship and doctrine without reference to Parliament. The need for this had not come about suddenly or haphazardly. It was the outcome of a long period of development and drew its strength from the conviction that in liturgical and doctrinal matters the Church should be master of its own house.

Dr. Ellison also claimed that the measure would greatly ease relationships with other churches which would find reunion impossible with a church which did not control worship and doctrine. Furthermore, the historic 1662 Prayer Book would be fully safeguarded because the measure provided that parishes could continue to use the old Prayer Book. The Church would be free, however, to draft a revised prayer book and to incorporate any experimental services now being used, while retaining many of the old prayers.

Are we moving towards the Disestablishment of the Church of England, and would that be a good thing? On this there is still divided opinion and grounds for much future debate.

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## EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB - RESULTS

### 1st Team

Jan.	5	A. Holgate Y.W.	(Away)	WON	26 - 1
	12	Bulwell B.O.B.	(Home)	WON	7 - 2
	19	B.S.C. Imps	(Home)	WON	3 - 2
	26	Birnam Sports	(Home)	WON	5 - 0
Feb.	2	Birnam Sports	(Away)	WON	2 - 1
	9	Fairham 'B'	(Home)	WON	5 - 1
	16	B.S.C. Imps	(Away)	DREW	3 - 3

### 2nd Team

Jan.	5	Southwell City 'A'	(Home)	LOST	2 - 4
	12	Raleigh Ath. 'A'	(Away)	LOST	0 - 7
	19	Rolls Royce Res.	(Away)	LOST	1 - 5
Feb.	2	Bingham Res.	(Home)	DREW	3 - 3
	16	Rolls Royce Res.	(Home)	LOST	1 - 9

KING EDWARD CLUB'S Snooker Cup final was played on 21st February between E. Covill and W. Ellis. The latter won and was presented with the Cup by the Club's President, Dr. G. O. Brooks.

The Games Secretary, Les. Johnson, kindly provided the refreshments and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

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With the coming of April, Easter is promised and the winter is over. We know the rhythm of nature. Jesus uses it to illustrate the way of true living. As the seed must die before it bears fruit, so the Christian must go the way of Christ. If the Christian is to share in the power of Christ's Resurrection, there is only one way and that is by the way of the Cross and death. Some come to church on Palm Sunday and are not seen again until Easter Day. They by-pass the Passion and Death of Jesus, but to their own loss. Each of us must enter spiritually into the rhythm of Christ's saving Act. As the Catechism says, we must die to sin and self and, through continual self denial, share in Christ's victory over sin and death here and now, and eventually hereafter. This means of course real penitence for our sins and sinfulness, and the desire to make a fresh start. A good life is made up of fresh starts and every day is a fresh start.

The services of Holy Week will be of a similar nature to those of last year when we really did try to live over again the greatest week in the Christian year. Fr. Alfred Laycock, S.S.M., will be with us for Palm Sunday and Mr. David Fysh will be also staying at the Rectory for Holy Week and Easter. The choir has been working hard under Mrs. Goddard's direction and we have had part of Rutter's setting for the Series 3 Eucharist. All communicants should come to receive Holy Communion on Easter Day. Those who come very rarely will obviously need more preparation than those who come every Sunday. It is a big thing to receive the Lord of Glory in the Blessed Sacrament. He welcomes us to His Sacrament but that does not

mean we need not prepare or can come casually. We should be penitent and we should be charitable. There is no room at the Communion rail for those who refuse to love their neighbour. Perhaps we could reflect not only about this locally but whether we as Christians care sufficiently about our starving neighbours in Ethiopia or the hungry people in the central states of Africa. A communicant must be one who cares and who cares a great deal. Christ asks each one of us to look at the needs of others and not to be obsessed with our own. We in England have our problems but, compared with many people in the world today, our standard of living is incredibly high. We who are Christians must show that we do care and that we do share Christ's love for all men.

Every blessing.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### CONFIRMATION

We welcome into our communicant family -

Matthew John Cornell

Susan Hall

Elizabeth Stott

who were confirmed at Bingham Church on 24th March.

May they continue Christ's for ever.

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### R.I.P.

March 13 Albert Edward Newcombe aged 60 years.  
After the funeral service in church,  
cremation was at Wilford.

We assure Mrs. Newcombe of our sympathy and prayers in her bereavement.

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### LESSONS AND READERS

#### April 14 - Easter Day

9.00 a.m.	(O.T.) Exodus 14, 15-22	Mr. P. Slack
	(Ep.) Colossians 3, 1-4	Mr. J. Guy
10.30 a.m.	(O.T.) Isaiah 12, 1-6	Miss S. Marston
	(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 5, 7b-8	Mr. G. Stobbs
6.30 p.m.	(O.T.) Exodus 14, 5-end	Mr. A. Curtis
	(N.T.) John 20, 11-23	Dr. G. O. Brown

#### April 21 - Easter I (Low Sunday)

9.00 a.m.	(O.T.) Exodus 16, 4-15	Mrs. J. Cornwell
	(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15, 53-58	Mr. K. Finch
6.30 p.m.	(O.T.) 1 Kings 17, 8-end	Capt. A. Jay
	(N.T.) John 20, 24-end	Mr. D. Gould

#### April 28 - Easter II

9.00 a.m.	(O.T.) Ezekiel 34, 7-15	Miss S. Guy
	(Ep.) 1 Peter 5, 1-11	Mr. J. Ruff
6.30 p.m.	(O.T.) Deuteronomy 4, 25-40	Mr. H. Russell
	(N.T.) Revelations 2, 1-17	Mr. A. Reid

#### May 5 - Easter III

9.00 a.m.	(O.T.) 1 Kings 17, 17-24	Mr. T. Ashton
	(Ep.) Colossians 3, 1-11	Miss P. Stobbs
6.30 p.m.	(O.T.) Deuteronomy 5, 1-21	Mr. G. Whittaker
	(N.T.) Revelations 2, 18-3, 6	Mr. P. Blandy

### SIDESMEN

April 14:	9 a.m. Mr. Reid, 10.30 a.m. to be decided	6.30 p.m. Mr. A. Curtis
April 21:	9 a.m. Mr. Whittaker, 6.30 p.m. Capt. Jay	
April 28:	9 a.m. Dr. Brooks, 6.30 p.m. Dr. Brooks	
May 5:	9 a.m. Mr. Hand, 6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand	

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

#### April 7 - PALM SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist and distribution of Palms  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher Fr. A. Laycock.

April 8 7.30 a.m. Eucharist

April 9 7.30 a.m. Eucharist  
9.15 a.m. School Service

April 10 7.30 a.m. Eucharist

#### April 11 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Day of the Institution of the Eucharist  
8.00 p.m. Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

#### April 12 GOOD FRIDAY - Day of the Cross

9.30 a.m. Children's Service  
8.00 p.m. Reading of the Passion and Service of the Day.

#### April 13 HOLY SATURDAY

8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

#### April 14 EASTER DAY - Day of the Resurrection

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Family Service  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

April 28 6.30 p.m. Evensong followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

### AT KNEETON CHURCH -

#### April 7 - Palm Sunday

6.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon  
6.45 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### April 14 - Easter Day

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

The Rector will be very pleased to administer Holy Communion to any communicant at home who is sick and unable to come to church.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

After the historic Central Council at Egham last July a special committee was set up to draft a Petition and New Supplemental Royal Charter and Bye-Laws. In so doing they took into account not only the views expressed but also the spirit of the debates. Those documents were presented to the November Central Council and approved and were subsequently ratified by the Incorporated Members on December 5th by a large majority vote - 958 for and 82 against. The Draft is now passed to the Privy Council for consideration and approval and, all being well, the new Supplemental Charter should be granted about July or September 1974. In the meantime, the Regulations will be revised and brought before the Central Council next June so that they may be ready as soon as the Supplemental Charter is granted. Until then the M.U. remains under the old Constitution.

Readers will be interested to read the new Aim and Objects and Qualifications for Membership and for Official Workers as set out in the draft Royal Charter and Bye-Laws. They are:-

### AIM:

The advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

### OBJECTS:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.

4. To promote conditions in Society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.

5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Ordinary membership shall be open to all those who -

1. have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and
2. declare their support for the aim and objects of the Society.

### OFFICIAL WORKERS:

All Official Workers of the Society (except members of a Branch Committee other than the Enrolling Member) shall be Communicant Members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion therewith.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE met in the hut for their Annual Meeting on Tuesday 12th March. Reports were read and the following were elected for a further year of office - Mrs. C. Atkins, President; Mrs. M. Chapman, Treasurer; and Mrs. E. Meylan, Secretary. Mrs. Jay congratulated Mrs. Atkins on being elected to serve on the County Executive Committee for 1974-76.

The evening continued with a talk by Mrs. J. Gillard, V.C.O., on the work of a V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser). After a welcome cup of tea, the Institute Choir sang six songs conducted by Mr. D. Atkins, which was a happy and jolly ending to a busy evening. The next Institute meeting will be held in the hut on 9th April.

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### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting will be held after Evensong on Sunday 28th April and it is hoped that every parishioner will make an effort to attend. Brief reports on the year's work will be given by those responsible for various church activities. You will also be asked to elect your representatives to the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year.

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### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The annual revision of this Roll is now in progress and anyone not already registered is invited to complete an application form, available in church or obtainable from the Secretary.

Under the revised rules, any person of 17 years or over, who has been baptised and is resident in the Parish, or who attends S. Peter's Church regularly, is entitled to have his or her name on the Roll. We welcome newcomers to the village and any young people who have attained the age of 17 years since last April.

Completed forms may be handed to one of the Church Wardens, placed in the box in the church porch, sent to the Secretary, or given to any of the people named on the front of this News Sheet.

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S. PETER'S CHURCH SCHOOL will be holding a short Easter service in the church on Tuesday 9th April at 9.30 a.m. Friends, parents and others are invited to attend and will be very welcome.

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LUXURY HOLIDAY COTTAGE available for letting - new the National Park and North Yorkshire Moors - sleeps 4/6. Write to Mrs. M.A. Heslop, Westow House, 11 The Village, Haxby, York. Tel. 760455

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### PREPARATION FOR EASTER

The Rector will be in church for counselling, consultation and confession at the following times:

Wednesday April 10 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Thursday April 11 at 3 p.m.

Friday April 12 at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Saturday April 13 at 5.30 p.m.

Fr. Laycock will be in church on Sunday April 7 at 3 p.m.

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I commend to you the following quotation from Gregory Dix, "The Scope of the Liturgy". I read this at our Discussion Group on Wednesdays in Lent and was asked to reproduce it for readers.

B.M.

### DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacles of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for good crop of wheat; for wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for a Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman



much tempted to return to fetich because the yams had failed, because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so, wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of St. Joan of Arc - one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinchingly, across all the parishes of christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei - the holy common people of God.

To those who know little of Christian history probably the most moving of all the reflections it brings is not the thought of the great events and the well-remembered saints, but of those innumerable millions of entirely obscure faithful men and women, every one with his or her own individual hopes and fears and joys and sorrows and loves - and sins and temptations and prayers - once every whit as vivid and alive as mine are now. They have left no slightest trace in this world, not even a name, but have passed to God utterly forgotten by men. Yet each of them once believed and prayed as I believe and pray, and found it hard and grew slack and sinned and repented and fell again. Each of them worshipped at the Eucharist, and found their thoughts wandering and tried again, and felt heavy and unresponsive and yet knew - just as really and pathetically as

I do these things. There is a little ill-spelled ill-carved epitaph of the fourth century from Asia Minor: - "Here sleeps the blessed Chione, who has found Jerusalem for she prayed much". Not another word is known of Chione, some peasant woman who lived in that vanished world of Christian Anatolia. But how lovely if all that should survive after sixteen centuries were that one had prayed much, so that the neighbours who saw all one's life were sure one must have found Jerusalem! What did the Sunday Eucharist in her village church every week for a lifetime mean to the blessed Chione - and to the millions like her then, and every year since? The sheer stupendous quantity of the love of God which this ever repeated action has drawn from the obscure Christian multitudes through the centuries is in itself an overwhelming thought.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD LIFEBOAT GUILD

The members of the Guild would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in response to the notice in last month's News Sheet. Over £11 has been received and the Guild is very grateful.

The sponsored walk in aid of the Lifeboats will take place on 28th April. All walkers and/or sponsors are welcome. Information and sponsorship forms from Mrs. Latty, 16 Kneeton Road. Tel. E.B. 260.

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### EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th May in the Village Hall, East Bridgford. This meeting will provide an opportunity for village residents to receive a report from the Parish Council and to raise questions on village planning and any other matters relevant to the work of the Parish Council. Do attend this meeting if you are interested in the future of our village.

The next monthly meetings of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. as follows:-

Thursday 6th June - Village Hall Committee Room.

Monday 1st July - Cricket Pavillion, Butt Close Playing Field.

All members of the public are entitled to attend these meetings.

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### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Nottinghamshire Council of the Royal British Legion have arranged a Beauty Queen Contest and Dance at the Sherwood Rooms, Nottingham, on Thursday 13th June. Tickets (40p each) are available from the Branch Secretary, Mr. K. Morley, 16 Closes Side Lane, East Bridgford.

Details of the Beauty Queen Contest may be obtained from Mr. T. Beresford, Burcher's Shop, 4 Main Street.

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### HEE - SOOK

Hee - Sook is a 12 year old Korean girl who lives in the port of Pusan in S.Korea. You may have seen pictures of her and her country in the Sunday School corner. Since February the children have been learning about the life of this Korean girl and her family. They live in a shanty-town and are very poor. They are Christians and worship at St. Saviour's Church, Pusan.

### Chopsticks in Sunday School

The Sunday School teachers have been trying to help the children to appreciate what life is like in Korea. They have tried eating from a bowl with chopsticks, they have huddled together in corners like refugees escaping from Communist N.Korea.

### An Invitation

The culmination of the project will be a

#### KOREAN EVENING

to be held on Saturday April 13th from 4.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. in the W.I. Hut. You are warmly invited to come along to hear about the project from the children, to see a film of the Little Angels of Korea, and to enjoy some Korean-style refreshments. Tickets will be on sale in church and from members of the Sunday School.

M.W.C.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE has, as one of its aims, the encouragement of the observance of St. George's Day by flying the Red Cross flag of England's Patron Saint and eventually St. George's Day becoming a public holiday. The Saint's Day falls on 23rd April.

At this year's annual dinner of the Nottingham Branch, the Bishop of Southwell will be the guest speaker.

### CHOOSING THE NEW ARCHBISHOP

A quite powerful group of laymen who want to see the Church of England given some share in choosing its own chief pastors are expected to have talks soon with the Prime Minister's representative over the selection of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The choice of a successor to Dr. Michael Ramsey will be made by the Queen on the Prime Minister's recommendation. Dr. Ramsey is to retire on 15th November next, the day after his 70th birthday.

The process of choosing the new Archbishop began on the 12th March when a commission of bishops was officially informed that the Primatial See of Canterbury would fall vacant on 15th November. This alerts the Church to be ready through the "usual channels" to make suggestions about Dr. Ramsey's successor. The "usual channels" are the Prime Minister and his patronage secretary, Mr. Colin Peterson, who already have four major bishoprics to fill by retirement of their present occupants - Winchester, Lincoln, Chichester and Lichfield.

At the time of going to press it is understood that the Prime Minister has agreed that Mr. Peterson should meet the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church on 27th March to discuss ways in which the church may be associated with the selection process. The Synod committee has already been studying this problem and it is proposed to discuss it at the committee's July meeting at York University. The standing committee over which the Archbishop presides, includes a group of laymen who want to see the Church of England given a share in choosing its chief pastors.

The manner in which the Church might share in choosing the new Archbishop is still open to question. The Chadwick report on "Church and State" in 1970 was divided in its recommendations. There are those who wish the Church to have direct access to the Queen making its own recommendations, and the other group favours an agreement between Downing Street and the Church so that together they might make a common approach to the Queen with an agreed name. It is most likely that a compromise will be worked out in the next few weeks.

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Items for the next News Sheet to the Editor by  
20th April please

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### MORE ABOUT THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON 28th APRIL

Nominations of people to serve on the Parochial Church Council can be made at the Annual Meeting or, better still, by sending them in writing beforehand to the Secretary (Name and address on front cover). Written nominations must be signed by the proposer and the seconder.

So, if you wish to nominate someone to serve on the P.C.C., do it now by putting pen to paper.

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

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## SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
(with hymns & short address)  
10.30 a.m. on first Sunday in each  
month - Family Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

## Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays.  
10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesday in  
each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's  
School each Sunday except on the  
first Sunday in each month when they  
attend the Family Service in Church.

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**NEWS SHEET**

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Easter 1974 will be remembered as a wonderful day in our church life. The church looked quite glorious and was beautifully decorated, cleaned and polished, but even more important was the fact that over 140 people received Holy Communion - the largest number for many years. Of course, we don't think that numbers are everything but these do mean something - and that something is that a number of East Bridgford people are prepared to show publicly that they are on the side of Christ and His Church. It would be quite wonderful if all these communicants were at the altar every Sunday, but we are glad that so many came. The great day of the Resurrection was preceded by a well kept Holy Week and I am grateful to all those who made this possible, especially our servers who came every night for the great services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The month of May tells us that winter is really over and leads to the great festivals of the Ascension and Pentecost. Now that the date of the holiday has been changed, I hope that all communicants will come to the Eucharist to thank God for their baptism and confirmation. I wonder how many of you who read this know the day when you were christened and also the date of your confirmation. Surely we ought to keep these anniversaries with joy.

I am grateful to all those who help with the music and bellringing. Music is such an important part of life and, apart from the welcome visits of the Brunts A Capella Choir and the Sitwell Singers we are well served by our own choir and those who help in these ways. I was very pleased when the choir sang Rutter's setting to the Series 3 Eucharist. We have now been using this Rite for a long time and, judging by the silence, I get the impression that our people have grown to like it. We are all

well served by those who read the lessons. This has been quite one of the best things we have done. The involvement of young people and those older has proved a real blessing. If any communicant would like to read a lesson please let me know. We read the lessons from one of our modern translations normally, but there is no rule about this.

Recently quite a number of our families have been bereaved and I would like in your name to assure those who have of our prayers and sympathy. Leslie and Doris Hand were bereaved of their two cousins quite suddenly; John Bradley died after a long illness; Harry Fletcher died after a full and long life; Mrs. Fearnley and Mr. Wesley Roads also passed to their rest at Eastertide. We pray that God will grant them eternal rest and peace.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### CHURCH ESTATE COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Mr. E.S. Bishop, the M.P. for Newark since 1964, has been appointed Second Church Estates Commissioner. He replaces Sir Marcus Worsley, M.P. for Chelsea. The second of the three Church Estates Commissioners is always an M.P. on the Government side and acts as the link between the Commissioners and Parliament and the Home Office. He is unpaid.

Mr. Bishop was a member of the Archbishop's Commission on Church organisation in South East England in 1965-67, and has been a Church Commissioner since 1968, and a member of the Redundant Churches Fund since 1970.

## LESSONS AND READERS

### May 12 - Easter IV

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Proverbs 4, 10-18 Mr.P.Slack  
(Ep) 2 Corinthians 4, 11-18 Miss P.Marron  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 10, 12-11, 1 Mr.J.Guy  
(N.T.) Revelation 3, 7-end Miss S.Marron

### May 19 - Easter V

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 34, 1-12 Mr.G.Stobbs  
(Ep.) Romans 8, 26-39 Miss L.Jones  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 28, 1-14 Mr.A.Curtis  
(N.T.) Mark 4, 1-20 Miss S. Guy

### May 26 - Ascension I

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 2, 1-15 Dr.G.O.Brooks  
(Ep.) Ephesians 4, 1-8 Capt.A.Jay  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 62 Mr.D.Gould  
(N.T.) Revelation 5 Mr.H.Russell

### June 2 - Pentecost

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Joel 2, 28-32 Mr.T.Ashton  
(Ep.) Acts 2, 1-11 Mr.K.Finch  
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 11, 1-9 Miss P.Stobbs  
(N.T.) Romans 8, 18-end Mr.A.Reid

## SIDESMEN

May 12: 9 a.m. Mr. Reid 6.30 p.m. Mr.Curtis  
May 19: 9 a.m. Mr. Whittaker 6.30 p.m. Capt.Jay  
May 26: 9 a.m. Dr. Brooks 6.30 p.m. Dr.Brooks  
June 2: 9 a.m. Mr. Hand 6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand

## R.I.P.

April 11 Rebecca Fearnley aged 86 years  
John Bradley aged 60 years  
April 17 John Geoffrey Wesley Roads aged 60 years  
April 18 Harry Fletcher aged 83 years

THE FAMILY SERVICE on Sunday 5th May will be a combined service held at East Bridgford Methodist Church and taken by the Rector. It will begin at 10.30 a.m.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE met in the Hut on 9th April and spent a most enjoyable evening with Mrs. M. Higgins of Greasley W.I. who showed slides of Nottinghamshire old and new. The slides included some of "slab square" with its market of years ago up to the new buildings of the present city, parks, stately homes and Goose Fair by day and night. Members were reminded that the County is not just power stations and coal mines, but a lovely place in which to live.

Social time this month took the form of a Panel Game called 'Half a Mo.' similar to the B.B.C.'s 'Just a Minute'. This proved to be great fun and the winner was Mrs. E. Gaskill.

The next Institute meeting will be held in the Hut on 14th May. All those attending are asked to bring with them a photo of themselves as a baby.

## EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB - RESULTS

### 1st Team

March 2nd v. Ascot (Home) WON 6 - 0  
March 9th v. Oakwell (Away) WON 4 - 2  
March 16th v. R.O.F.Res. (Home) WON 4 - 2  
March 23rd v. Padstow Y.C.Res. DREW 2 - 2  
April 6th v. B.S.C.Imps (Home) LOST 1 - 3  
April 20th v. A.Holgate Y.W. (Home) WON 10 - 0

East Bridgford beat Southwell City A to win the Spartan Cup 4 - 0. Goals were scored by W. Blagg (2) and R. Buckley (2)

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB - MORE RESULTS

2nd Team

March 9th v. Ryecroft Res. (Home) WON 3 - 2  
March 16th v. Trent Poly. Res. (Away) LOST 1 - 5  
March 30th v. Parliament St. A. (Home) WON 6 - 3  
April 13th v. Ruddington Res. (Home) LOST 1 - 3  
April 20th v. Dale Olympic (Away) LOST 2 - 3

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SOME WORDS OF AUSTIN FARRER, sometime Fellow and Chaplain of Trinity College, Oxford.

"Once upon a time there was a doctor, who, unlike most doctors, was a pompous and unimaginative man. He was summoned to attend the wife of a local squire. After the affair was successfully over, the woman, still only half alive, moaned that it was unbearable - why, she asked, does one have to suffer such pain? The doctor showed his learning. 'My dear lady,' he said, 'if you had looked as I have looked into the workings of nature, you would perceive that the nobler the animal, the more developed must be its condition when it separates from its parent; and the more developed the condition of the offspring, the greater the wrench to the parent must be. Now man is the noblest of the animals. The pain of human childbirth is the price of man's nobility.' The doctor's voice trailed in the woman's listless ear: 'That makes it no better,' she murmured, 'it hurts just the same.' At that moment her mother came into the room and showed her her son. And she began to

think how it would be when she nursed him; and suddenly she remembered no more the anguish, for her joy of that little man who was born into the world.

The Word of God brings upon human pain and strife the consolation of eternal love. It is often thought that the Christian preacher is called upon to imitate the doctor in my fable, and somehow to prove that the intolerable evils which ravage the earth are only the price of greater good. But the answer naturally provoked by such explanations is that of the suffering woman: 'That makes it no better; it hurts just the same.' Or even: 'If this is what God's love does, then for God's sake let me have a taste of his wrath.' No, God does not give us explanations; we do not comprehend the world, and we are not going to. It is, and it remains for us, a confused mystery of bright and dark. God does not give us explanations; he gives up a Son.

A son is better than an explanation. The explanation of our death leaves us no less dead than we were; but a Son gives us a life in which to live. The mother revives as her thought attaches itself to this new life. And Mary of all mothers is most blessed, as her thought ranges forward over the happy tasks of which her life hereafter must consist, the nurture and protection of her Son. There is a Son in whose life she can always more richly live; for he is life itself, and to live in him is to live in life everlasting. If we live in our own children we live in what must fail and disappoint us; we may even be so unhappy as to outlive them. But if we live in the Son whom God has given we have a life which will not fail, but always deepen and extend. This is the peace, this is the joy God gives; our joy is swaddled in the cradle, our peace is crucified, our glory rises from the tomb."

# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

EAST BRIDGFORD LIBERAL ASSOCIATION has been formed as a branch of the Rushcliffe Liberal Association. The Committee consists of:-

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The Branch represents East Bridgford, Kneeton, Car Colston and Screveton. Anyone interested will be warmly welcomed and are invited to contact any of the Committee.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING was held after Evensong on 28th April. After receiving the accounts and hearing satisfactory reports on various aspects of the church life, the following elections were made:-

Churchwardens - Mr. F. Hunt and Mr. G. Stobbs  
Representatives on Deanery Synod - Mr. Blandy and Mr. Sainsbury  
Sidesmen - Messrs. Brooks, Curtis, Hand, Jay, Reid, Whitaker.  
P.C.C. - Mesdames Clark, Cornell, Dunsmore, Gibson, J.F. Jones, Lawson, Reid, Slack.  
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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

June is sometimes called 'Flaming June' and is regarded as a glorious month of sunshine and flowers. May it be so to us this year, but let us not forget that the centre of our religion is the Heart of Christ and that this implies that love as a flame should be in the hearts of those who claim to follow Him. We who are Christians should be noted for our loving approach to the people we come into contact with. So often the Church is associated with moral rectitude or orthodox dogma, but surely the church should be regarded as the home of love and those who are members of the Church as kind and understanding people to their neighbours.

The appointment of the present Archbishop of York to be Archbishop of Canterbury should move us to prayer that the new Archbishop will be supported in every way by the prayers and good wishes of all who believe in Christ. The present Archbishop has shown tremendous compassion in his attitude and dealings with people. Compassion means the ability to suffer with people and is a necessary mark of the Christian. Sometimes we tend to be so compassionate as to lose the distinction between what is right and what is wrong. When the new Archbishop says that we need to have a fence or a rule of conduct such as the Ten Commandments he is surely right. We cannot tolerate evil and the condoning of sin, and our young people need definite guidance in the way of life. I suppose the attitude is really what matters. In the old days we used to say, 'You mustn't do that because it is wrong' - sometimes without explaining why it was wrong. A better approach is surely, 'If you are a Christian and a follower of Jesus there are certain things you do not do because they are quite unworthy of Him.'

Such things are cruelty, unchastity, greediness, love of money. We ought not to do such things for the right reason and that is that they are offensive to Jesus Christ. In Him we see one who was fully human with a warm beating heart full of love for all He came into contact with - people so different as Peter, Mary Magdalene, Judas, Pilate, Herod, the widow with her two mites, the woman with the haemorrhage, the rich young ruler - all these Jesus loved but He never said that sin did not matter. Perhaps we could reflect with profit on the great fact that Christ's passion was the glory of the Father. He was certainly 'the man for others' but He was primarily 'the man for God'.

We were sorry to lose from our earthly sight Wing-Commander Robert Beves, and we assure his widow and son of our sympathy and prayers. We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. McGrath are leaving for Wellingborough. Ruth has been one of our most faithful communicants and David and Caroline will be missed in the Sunday School. We were sorry to lose Mr. Leonard Thompson from the school - a greatly beloved teacher. The school came to church in Holy Week and also on Ascension Day and we had lovely music led by Miss Walters. How good to see them and the parents in church on these occasions!

In these days of fragmentation we need to regard the Church as a binding force of love for all who will let it be so.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

## LESSONS AND READERS

### June 9 - TRINITY

9.00 am (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6,4-9 Miss P. Stobbs  
(Ep) Acts 2,22-36 Mrs.J.Cornell  
6.30 pm (O.T.) Isaiah 40,12-end Mr.J.McCullough  
(N.T.) 1 Peter 1,2-12 Mr.H.Russell

### June 16 - TRINITY I

9.00 am (O.T.) 2 Samuel 7,4-16 Mr. J. Ruff  
(Ep.) Acts 2,37-47 Mrs.J.Jones  
6.30 pm (O.T.) 1 Kings 3,5-14 Mr.T.Ashton  
(N.T.) John 13,1-20 Mr. J. Guy

### June 23 - TRINITY II

9.00 am (O.T.) Deuteronomy 8,11-20 Mr. G. Stobbs  
(Ep.) Acts 4,5-12 Miss S. Guy  
6.30 pm (O.T.) 1 Kings 8,22-30 Capt. A. Jay  
(N.T.) John 13, 21-end Dr.G.O.Brooks

### June 30 - TRINITY III

9.00 am (O.T.) Joshua 24,14-25 Miss P.Marson  
(Ep.) Acts 8,26-38 Mr.A.Curtis  
6.30 pm (O.T.) 1 Kings 10,1-13 Mr.P.Blandy  
(N.T.) John 14,1-4 Mr.D.Gould

## SIDESMEN

June 9 9.00 a.m. Mr. Reid 6.30 p.m. Mr.Curtis  
June 16 9.00 a.m. Mr.Whittaker 6.30 p.m. Capt.Jay  
June 23 9.00 a.m. Dr.Brooks 6.30 p.m. Dr.Brooks  
June 30 9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand 6.30 p.m. Mr.Hand  
July 7 9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand 6.30 p.m. Mr.Hand

## COMING EVENTS

June 9 TRINITY SUNDAY  
Rector confirming at St. Mary's, Radcliffe.

June 13 CORPUS CHRISTI  
Day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Eucharist.

June 15 Friends of East Bridgford School Garden  
Party.

June 16 Rector preaching at Ramsey, Huntingdon,  
for Festival. The clergy of Newark  
Parish Church at East Bridgford.

June 23 Feast Sunday  
9.00 Parish Eucharist  
12 noon and 3 p.m. Holy Baptism  
6.30 Evening Service.

June 29 S.PETER'S DAY  
7.30 a.m. Eucharist  
10.45 a.m. Ordination at Southwell  
Minster.

## THE CHOIR

The Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Goddard, continues faithfully in leading the worship at Evensong. Mrs. Slack has, to our regret, decided to resign. She will be greatly missed and has contributed so much to the singing. Mr. Covil has been quite ill as the result of a big operation but is now making good progress, we are glad to say.

PAINTING AND DECORATING expertly undertaken by Mr. Peter Cartledge (Tel. East Stoke 471). He will be glad to discuss your requirements and give a quotation.

### SOCIETY OF THE SACRED MISSION

As a result of the removal of the Society of the Sacred Mission from Kelham, we have received a few gifts. These are a stone credence table which we hope will be usable for the north chapel; an altar frontal now in use in the Lady Chapel; and an aumbry (a wall safe) for reserving the Sacrament for the use of the sick and those unable to come to church. We acknowledge these gifts with gratitude and we pray for continued blessings on the S.S.M.

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### THE SANCTUARY GUILD

A number of people were at the first meeting which was held in church on Wednesday 15th May, when Mrs. Brooks was asked to organise the Guild.

All the existing church linen and altar hangings were examined and the first step towards planning schemes for frontals and vestments was taken by having the existing ones cleaned to see what could still be used and what required to be replaced.

An announcement about the date of the next meeting, which will probably be in September, will be made in the Parish News. Anyone interested will be made very welcome.

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### EAST BRIDGFORD LIFE-BOAT GUILD

The village gave splendid support to the Guild's sponsored walk on Sunday 28th April. Of the one hundred walkers who took part many were from Nottingham and even further afield, but many also from East Bridgford. Among these were at least two grandmothers, three children whose combined ages totalled 25 years, three generations of one family, and both our churchwardens. The £800 which the walk raised will be a substantial contribution to £7,200 which the Nottingham and District Branch, of which the Guild is a part, has set itself as a target for the "Year of the Life-boat" appeal. The Guild is most grateful to all the walkers and sponsors and also to all those who helped with the organisation and to the providers of the refreshments, all of which were free gifts.

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### THE UNITED SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL

The South Notts. Association of the U.S.P.G. is holding

#### a SUMMER FESTIVAL

on Saturday 8th June 1974 at Keyworth Parish Church.

Programme:

- 11.30 a.m. Eucharist -  
Preacher: The Rev. T. F. Kime
- 2.00 p.m. Annual Meeting  
Film - 'The Dumping Ground'

Bring your own lunch please - hot drinks will be provided. The Christian Church and Apartheid will be one of the subjects.

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

We welcome into Christ's family those children who were baptised on June 23rd. I am sure that it is a long time since six children were baptised on one day. At the other end of the scale, I congratulate Mrs Foster who was 82 on June 18th. She is a very keen member of the Mother's Union and has been a member of the Church all her life. These two thoughts lead me to say that the health of a community is shown in the way it treats children and old people. A community is healthy and good if it cares for its children and for its old people. It may surprise people in East Bridgford to hear that the population of the village is a good deal less than it was 100 years ago. It may also surprise some people to know that our splendid school with its fine teachers and arrangements would be reduced in teachers and scholars by 40% if it were not for the R.A.F. Station at Newton. When I came in 1972, about half the children came from Newton, but there has been a reduction. This will be made up soon by the increase of R.A.F. personnel at Newton. We would not like the school to be reduced because we regard it as a good school and we want as many children as possible to share its good things. This does make us ask the question - do we want to see more families in East Bridgford? It would be a tragedy, for example, if young couples who wanted to live in the village could not find a home to live in, especially if they felt that they belonged to the village because of their parents or grandparents. Here are some things which I believe we can think over with profit.

There is another consideration which is worthy of thought. It is true to say that only those children whose parents come to the church remain faithful to the Church, especially after they leave East Bridgford School. Parents might

think over this seriously. A good question would be - "Do I consider the claims of Christ and His Church of sufficient importance to do all I can to see that my children recognise these claims?" Children do not need to be told what the priorities are. If Christ is never mentioned in the home, if no prayers are said, if we only go to church for baptisms, weddings and funerals, must we be surprised if our discerning children dismiss the Christian Faith as irrelevant? Perhaps a parent may say, "I leave my children to decide for themselves". A further question then arises - "Do you do this in things which you consider important, e.g. education, health or choice of future work?" So we are back to the question of what are the priorities in your home.

July is a great month for holidays. May all who read this get a good holiday and take the opportunity to worship with your fellow Christians in the local church.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### HOLY BAPTISM

June 23 Richard Andrew Russell × Polly Elizabeth  
Matthew George Russell  
Howard Henry Russell  
(the above are grandchildren of Mr and Mrs  
Russell of The Barn.)  
Paul Frederick Kirkland  
Dale John Howarth  
Michael Brian Blagg

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### HOLY MATRIMONY

June 22 Andrew Edward Victor Jones and  
Vanessa Jane Backhouse.

We wish them every happiness in their marriage.

## LESSONS AND READERS

### July 14

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Micah 6, 1-8	Mr. P. Slack
(Ep.) Ephesians 4, 17-32	Miss P. Marson
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 1 Kings 18, 17-39	Mr J. Guy
(N.T.) John 15, 1-16	Miss S. Marson

### July 21

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 10, 12-11, 1	Mr G. Stobbs
(Ep.) Romans 8, 1-11	Miss L. Jones
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Zephaniah 3, 14-end	Mr A. Curtis
(N.T.) Mark 15, 40-16, 7	Mr G. Whittaker

### July 28

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Ezekiel 37, 1-14	Dr. G.O. Brooks
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 12, 4-13	Capt. A. Jay
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 1 Kings 21, 1-23	Mr H. Russell
(N.T.) John 16, 1-15	Miss P. Stobbs

### August 4

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) 1 Samuel 17, 37-50	Mr K. Finch
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 6, 3-10	Mr A. Reid
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 1 Kings 22, 1-38	Mr P. Blandy
(N.T.) John 16, 16-22	Mr D. Gould

## SIDESMEN

July 14	9 am	Mr Reid;	6.30 pm	Mr Curtis
July 21	9 am	Mr Whittaker;	6.30 pm	Capt. Jay
July 28	9 am	Dr. Brooks;	6.30 pm	Dr. Brooks
August 4	9 am	Mr Hand;	6.30 pm	Mr Hand.

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## SERVICE TO SEAMEN

When fire swept the British ship Edenmore in Newport docks the first telephone call to be made, after an emergency plea for the fire brigade, was to Missions to Seamen chaplain Eric Newman.

"Thanks for coming down so soon padre", said one of the shocked seamen, "I expect we'll be coming up to your place". And come to his place they did, with voluntary helpers staffing the mission at five in the morning to provide food, clothes and washing facilities while the men took it in turns to use the telephone for reassuring calls to wives or parents.

Disaster is something that the Missions to Seamen is used to coping with but its work is generally less spectacular, quiet Christian service to seafarers which has been going on since 1857, making the society one of the oldest industrial missions in the world. Now the Missions to Seamen works in over 250 ports, 87 of them with Flying Angel Clubs which provide facilities for refreshment and relaxation. Last year 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  million seafarers visited the clubs; chaplains paid 79,000 ship visits and 20,000 hospital visits.

Some clubs have bedroom accommodation, some have swimming pools in hot climates, but the focal point in each club is the chapel where services are held on demand at any time of the day or night. Mission chaplains are expert counsellors, and they have to deal with a wide variety of problems which can range from marriage difficulties to shipboard disputes.

In South Africa there is a special welcome for non-white seamen; in Belfast the mission provides an oasis of peace in a troubled city; but in most major ports seamen of all races and beliefs know that they will find a friend at the sign of the Flying Angel - an emblem inspired by the Book of Revelation.

On July 14 parishes in England will have an opportunity to remember the worldwide work of the Missions to Seamen, for the society has declared that day Sea Sunday and is asking that prayers be said for seafarers, their wives and families, and the Church's work with them which costs over one million pounds each year.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School meets in church every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. under the leadership of Mr Gordon Stobbs and Mr and Mrs Clarke. The project in Lent for the Pusan Children's Centre in Korea was a great success and, in addition to the prayer and interest generated, raised £10 for this object. Those who remember the Korean war will remember the devastation in Pusan and the problems the Church must face in Korea.

There is also a Family Service on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a.m.

The Sunday School certainly deserves our support in every way but the best way would be for parents to bring their children to it.

B.M.

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#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs Bontoft is now emptying the collecting boxes. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied recently, please contact Mrs Bontoft of 47 Main Street. Let her know your name and address so that a new list of boxholders can be made.

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THE MOTHERS' UNION had a very enjoyable outing to the flower festival at Walpole St. Peter in West Norfolk. They had lunch at Sandringham and

tea at Hunstanton. Several members and friends took part and the occasion was a great success.

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#### THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES

£25 was the result of the coffee morning held at Mrs Bontoft's house and the Brownies wish to thank everyone who supported them.

The Pack Holiday in Scotland was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.

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#### THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the May meeting members discussed and voted on the resolutions to be put before the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall. Mrs Hubbard of Lamcote W.I. was this year's delegate and it was the wish of the Institute that she should vote in favour of (amongst other things) the re-cycling of waste and the increase of the yearly subscription. After refreshments, holiday slides were shown by Mrs Jay, Mrs Metcalf, and Mrs Meylan. There was also a 'guess the baby' competition.

At the June meeting, Mr Godwin, the Regional Education Officer for the R.S.P.C.A., talked and showed slides of his work. Mrs Curtis proposed the vote of thanks. Mrs Hubbard from Lamcote W.I. reported on the Annual General Meeting and there was an exhibition of photographs of member's pets.

A 'Litter Day' was held round the village on 8th June and another has been arranged for July.

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Blandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blandy of Cuttle Hill House, who has been awarded the degree LL.B. by the University of Warwick.

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## A PRAYER FOR OLD AGE

Recently I was in Oakham Church where I found the following prayer. I think it is a good prayer.  
B.M.

"O Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort, our only help in time of need, I come unto thee for help to meet the trials of advancing years. Look graciously upon me and, the more the outward man decays, strengthen me the more continually with Thy Grace in the inner man. Give me courage and patience to bear the infirmities, privations, sorrows and loneliness of old age. Help me to fight successfully its temptation to be exacting, selfish, unreasonable, irritable and complaining. Preserve my material faculties unimpaired to the end, keep my heart and affections warm, so that I may never fail to sympathise with joys, sorrows and interests of others and to be deeply grateful for the love and forbearance of those around me. And so fit and prepare me against the hour of death that I may be able to face it fearlessly, trusting in Thy promise to be with me as I pass through the Dark Valley, so that departing in peace my soul may be received into Thy Everlasting Kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen."

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear people,

We are seeing a change in our Sunday pattern. The Parish Eucharist is now established as the service of the day. Last Sunday there were 63 communicants. This is happening throughout the Church.

On the T.V. recently there was a magnificent service from Worksop Priory which our Bishop celebrated, and so beautifully with his lovely voice. It was a fine service with a large congregation and many communicants. In some parishes it is sometimes called the Family Eucharist. I never know quite what Family takes first place in this phrase, but surely it must be the Family of God. We have a Family Service once a month which meets a need, but the principal Family Service of the Church is the Eucharist and I would love to see whole families coming to this service. Even if the children are not confirmed, you can bring them to the altar rail to receive a blessing. I shall be interested to hear of your experiences while on holiday of the churches you attended. An interesting thing about the Parish Eucharist is that it breaks through the traditions of Churchmanship and is the principal service in Catholic and Evangelical parishes.

There is another movement which does this across all denominations. It is called the 'Charismatic Renewal' and means that more and more Christians - Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Baptists and United Reformed are becoming aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. This experience seems to help people so much and worship becomes a joy instead of a burden and life becomes an exercise in Christian love. What it means is that the

members allow the Holy Spirit to fill their lives, liberating them from sin and unlove. Sometimes this takes strange forms like the speaking with tongues mentioned in S. Paul's letters, but perhaps the following chorus expresses best what the Charismatic movement means -

"We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be  
restored,  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."  
Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### HOLY BAPTISM

Correction of an entry in the July News Sheet:

June 23 Polly Elisabeth Russell  
Matthew George Russell  
(daughter and son of Richard and Jane  
Russell)  
Howard Henry Russell  
(son of William and Jose Russell)

The above are grandchildren of Mr & Mrs Henry Russell, The Barn, East Bridgford.

Apologies to all concerned for the incorrect details given in July.)

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### HOLY MATRIMONY

July 6 James Gowan and Linda Joan Ellis.

We wish them every happiness in their life together.

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R.I.P.

July 16 Francis Marczak aged 54.

We pray that Mrs Marczak and her family will be conscious of God's love in their sudden bereavement.

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BIBLE SOCIETY STAMP CORNER NEWS

Many thanks to all individuals and organisations who have continued to support the stamp corner. When the box was recently emptied, a parcel containing 2lb.3oz. of British stamps and a large number of foreign stamps was taken to the central depository in Ford and Boulton's Christian Bookshop in Nottingham, from where they will be sold to raise funds for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Please continue your support of this cause.

M. W. C.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE paid a visit to Winthorpe Hall. The Doll Museum and display of Victorian toys delighted all age groups. Business was discussed on the 'bus. The draw for the Denman College Bursary was won by Mrs M. Bontoft. Eating-out brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

The choir won the cup for experienced singers.

There will not be a meeting in August. The September meeting will include a talk given by a member of 'Family First', and the competition will be an article or toy to be donated to Family First.

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August 11 - Trinity 9

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) 1 Samuel 24, 9-17 (Ep.) Galatians 6, 1-10	Mr T. Ashton Miss J. Price
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 4, 8-37 (N.T.) John 16, 23-end	Mr. J. Guy Mr. A. Curtis

August 18 - Trinity 10

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) 1 Chron. 29, 1-9 (Ep) Philip. 1, 1-11	Dr.G.O.Brooks Miss P.Stobbs
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 5, 1-19 (N.T.) John 17	Capt. Jay Mr.D.Gould

August 25 - Trinity 11

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Micah 4, 1-7 (Ep.) Acts 17, 22-31	Mr.K.Finch Miss S.Marson
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 17, 1-23 (N.T.) Galatians 1	Mr.H.Russell Mr.A. Reid

September 1 - Trinity 12

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Jeremiah 12, 1-6 (Ep.) Acts 20, 17-35	Mr.J. Ruff Miss C.Price
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 18, 17-22 and 19, 1-7 (N.T.) Galatians 6, 1-10	Mr.G.Stobbs Mr.G.Whittaker

September 8 - Trinity 13 - Birthday of Mary

9.00 a.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 15, 7-11 (Ep.) 1 John 4, 15-21	Mr.P.Slack Miss P.Marson
6.30 p.m. (O.T.) 2 Kings 19, 8-35 (N.T.) 1 Corinthians 1, 1-25	Mr.P.Blandy Mr.A.Curtis

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SIDESMEN

August 11	9 am Mr. Reid;	6.30 pm	Mr.Curtis
August 18	9 am Mr.Whittaker;	6.30 pm	Capt. Jay
August 25	9 am Dr.Brooks;	6.30 pm	Dr.Brooks
Sept. 1	9 am Mr. Hand;	6.30 pm	Mr. Hand
Sept. 8	9 am Mr. Reid;	6.30 pm	Mr.Curtis

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## YOUTH CLUB NOTES

We are happy to say that the Youth Club is finally beginning to flourish. Various sports teams have been successful within inter-club activities. The Table Tennis team was particularly successful, winning the Rushcliffe Leaders Council League, unbeaten throughout. Less fortunate was the Five-a-side team who, on reaching the final of the Dayncourt Extravaganza were beaten by a narrow margin.

The Tug-o'-War team was successful in defending the Nottinghamshire and Midland title, but did not fare so well in the National finals held this year at Nottingham University.

Once again the Youth Club will be holding their 'Annual Sponsored Walk', from which all proceeds will be used to provide a Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

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## TOWARDS A GREATER FREEDOM?

Many members of the Anglican Church will have read with interest reports of the recent discussions in Synod about the Church's having greater freedom to decide matters relating to liturgy and doctrine and to have a greater say in the selection of Bishops. Many Church members welcome these moves - some members have a few doubts. Other organisations are also expressing some reactions.

The Royal Society of St. George has issued a policy statement to the effect that "it opposes any move from the Church of England to reorganise the hierarchy which would involve the demise of H. M. The Queen as Defensor Fidei and temporal Head of the Church". The Society claims that "Religion is the ethical basis of most of our traditions, laws, etc., and as such we must be wary of any weakening in the Church's resolve . . . and we must foster the public awareness that

monarchical Government is essential to safeguard our traditions and institutions".

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## A HOLY PLACE - GLASTONBURY

Dominating the great Middle Marsh of Somerset stands Glastonbury Tor, the central point of the famous Isle of Avalon. At its foot lie the ruins of the world-famous historic Glastonbury Abbey, the oldest and one of the most influential of the English monasteries. Celtic (7th century) in origin, with later Saxon building, it was partially destroyed by the Danes. In 943 S. Dunstan became Abbot and reformed the monastery, insisting on the full observance of the Benedictine Rule. Recent excavations have revealed the remains of S. Dunstan's great cloister, and of glass and metal furnaces, dating back to his time. Early lives of the Saint speak of his skill in metalwork.

Tradition has it that in the year 61, S. Joseph of Arimathea with his eleven companions erected here the first Christian church, made of wattle. Saints, kings and queens are buried in the abbey grounds, the most famous being King Arthur and his Queen Guinevere. A little chapel beside the abbey perpetuates the memory of S. Patrick. Nearby the Holy Thorn blossoms twice a year, in the Springtime and at Christmas.

## The Holy Grail

Glastonbury has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries. The legend of the Holy Grail, incorporated as it is in the stories of Arthur and the Round Table, inevitably became linked with Glastonbury. In some versions of the legend the Grail itself is identified with the cup used by Christ at the Last Supper. The Chalice Well, in the grounds of Glaston Tor School, is the place where, again according to tradition, S. Joseph of Arimathea, bearing the Cup, buried his sacred relic beneath the waters. This well is described by William of Malmesbury, who mentions that the waters 'are sometimes blue and sometimes red'.

The well is square, measuring  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep from water level. It is believed to be of pre-Roman origin, possibly connected with the Druids and associated with ancient rituals of sunlight and water. Measurements taken on Midsummer Day suggest that the massive stonework is orientated. Sir Flinders Petrie suggested that the Well might have been rock-hewn by Egyptian colonists about 200 B.C. The waters are chalybeate and radio-active, with a flow of 25,000 gallons per day, even in the severest drought.

#### Pilgrims Today

Small wonder that Glastonbury, as a holy place, has been visited by every kind of pilgrim. Apart from the Christian visitors who abound and rejoice, there are many other kinds of pilgrims. A local resident recently commented on the Glastonbury scene in these words; "Glastonbury is very difficult to assess. The town doesn't take much notice of the Druids and the Essenes, who come once a year, and so far doesn't seem to mind the pseudo-Buddhist monks who are beginning to appear . . . but tradespeople don't like the hippies . . . a lot of shops have 'No hippies served' in their windows . . . now that we are approaching the summer solstice there will be others coming for a day or two and then passing on'.

Youth is drawn to Glastonbury. By what? In a single word - GOD. God, hidden for many searchers in history; God, who is overgrown with archaeology, misinterpreted by wizardry, and disguised as the devil by witchcraft. Nevertheless God it is who draws the young people through the mystery that is enshrined in this place. The lucky ones begin slowly to recognise Him as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the timeless, ever-living God whose Son the 'young prince of glory' died and rose again, to meet us in His Spirit Today.

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear people,

I hope that all of you who read this are feeling better as the result of a holiday. We certainly have noticed the absences of some of our regular worshippers and, as we approach the end of Summer, I look forward to seeing all of you back in your places. In these days it is so essential that we shall be present on Sundays and so witness to our belief in God and the salvation which He brought about through His Son Jesus Christ. We are told that England is now a permissive society and is pluralistic in its morals and codes. That may be so, but all the more reason that we who are followers of Christ should be prepared to stand up and be counted. This means that we shall not be ashamed to be known as people who go to church Sunday by Sunday to worship and praise God.

Those who have children will also, I hope, teach their children to be bold and true in their witness. The fact is that it is by going to worship in church Sunday by Sunday that we declare to our neighbours that we are on the side of Christ. If our neighbours see us packing up the car and setting off on Sunday morning, they might reasonably jump to the conclusion that we regard Sunday worship as an optional extra. If our children see their parents allowing Sunday by Sunday to flit by without any attempt at worship, they will quite naturally jump to the conclusion that God is an unnecessary hypothesis in their parents' lives. Perhaps the time has come for many of us to get our priorities right. To so many, getting a large number of G.C.E. passes is much more important than seeing their sons and daughters in vital touch with the God who made them. Why not do something about this?

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

## LESSONS AND READERS

### September 15 - Trinity 14

9.00 am (O.T.)	Genesis 45,1-15	Mr.T.Ashton
(Ep.)	1 Peter 3, 1-9	Miss P.Stobbs
6.30 pm (O.T.)	2 Kings 22	Mr.A.Reid
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 1,26-2,9	Dr.G.O.Brooks

### September 22 - Trinity 15

9.00 am (O.T.)	1 Kings 3,5-15	Capt.A.Jay
(Ep.)	1 Timothy 2,1-7	Mr.A.Curtis
6.30 pm (O.T.)	Ezra 1,1-18	Mr.D.Gould
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 3	Mr.H.Russell

### September 29 - S.Michael and All Angels

9.00 am (O.T.)	2 Kings 6,11-17	Mr.K.Finch
(Ep.)	Revelation 12,7-12a	Miss S.Marson
6.30 pm (O.T.)	Daniel 12,1-4	Mr.G.Stobbs
(N.T.)	Revelation 8,1-6	Mr.G.Whittaker

### October 6 - Trinity 17 - Harvest

9.00 am (O.T.)	1 Kings 8,22-40	Mr.J.Ruff
(Ep.)	1 Peter 2,1-5	Mr.J.Guy
6.30 pm (O.T.)	Ezra 3	Mr.P.Blandy
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 13	Miss P.Marson

## SIDESMEN

### September 15

9.00 am	Mr. Whittaker	6.30 pm	Capt. Jay
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### September 22

9.00 am	Dr. Brooks	6.30 pm	Dr. Brooks
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### September 29

9.00 am	Mr. Hand	6.30 pm	Mr. Hand
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### October 6

9.00 am	Mr. Hand	6.30 pm	Mr. Hand
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HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Sunday October 6)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Kneeton Church.  
9.00 am Parish Eucharist at East Bridgford.  
10.30 am Family Service.  
6.30 pm Evensong and Sermon.  
Preacher: The Venerable Brian Woodhams,  
Archdeacon of Newark.
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

August 18 Michael Julian, son of  
Frank and Phyllis TURNER  
Annabelle Elizabeth, daughter of  
Howard Stanley and Lunda Carole PRICE

We welcome these children into Christ's family.

Holy Matrimony

August 3 Paul Ablitt and Susan Margaret Johnson

We wish Paul and Susan Margaret every happiness  
in their life together.

Christian Burial

August 7 Rachel Lodder aged 79.

We assure Mr. Lodder of our sympathy in his loss.

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AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Fred Hunt, our Churchwarden, has still not been able to thank personally all those many people who gave messages of kindness and wellwishing during his spell in hospital a few weeks ago. He would therefore like to express, through the medium of this News Sheet, his very sincere appreciation and thanks to all concerned. Their kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

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AN OCTOBER SAINT - S.FRANCIS OF ASSISI (October 4)

In the Church of England Walsingham attracts an increasing number of pilgrims, and the Franciscans attract recruits at a time when vocations to the religious communities are not what they were. It would be useful to ponder the significance of these facts. Both the shrine and the order are standing witnesses to the central truth of the incarnation; that God really became man as Mary's son, and that we may now know God and His love in human form.

It was this same vision which captured Francis of Assisi in such a way that all that was special about him sprang from it. It impelled him to follow Christ by the way of imitation, to the extent of welcoming humiliation and voluntary suffering. It led him to glorify poverty and to despise money and possessions. It gave him an intense reverence and love for humanity because Christ had come to share it by becoming man, and for the created world which Christ has redeemed. His tremendous spiritual power flowed from a glowing personal devotion to Jesus.

Francis had a vision but no aims, so that it was by chance and not by design that others joined him as companions and roving evangelists. Ever an obedient son of the Church, he sought ecclesiastical approval for their way of life, though this could be given only by regimenting them into a religious order with its rule and observances. The Church authorities realised that here was a powerful movement which ought to be harnessed to serve the work of renewal in the Church. Inevitably the organising of the Franciscans into a recognised order compromised their original spontaneity and freedom, and eventually it modified their primitive simplicity of life; this was already happening during Francis' life-time and was for him a deep personal tragedy.

Nevertheless the spirit of their founder lived on in the Franciscan family. Although he distrusted learning, his followers became illustrious in the theological schools of Europe, where they taught the Franciscan emphasis on God's love for man, and man's love for God as the goal of all theological learning. The evangelistic endeavours of the first itinerant preachers developed into an impressive missionary drive as their successors took the gospel to Islamic countries and as far as China. Christians following their ordinary secular calling were integrated by means of the third order with the Franciscan family and transmitted its spirit to the Church at large. In our own time the Franciscan life has been restored in the Anglican communion and makes notable evangelistic and pastoral contributions in a rich variety of ways.

At this time we keep the seven hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing at Dover, on September 10, 1224, of Agnellus of Pisa and eight other Franciscans. They walked to Canterbury, and later separated to found houses in many cities and towns. It was the beginning of a movement which deserves to be gratefully remembered since it brought many blessings to English Christianity, and continues to do so.

(Taken from an article from Douglas Carter)

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#### SOME RESULTS OF ORDAINING WOMEN IN SWEDEN

The Church of Sweden ordained her first three women in 1960. She now has over eighty women priests.

The 1958 decision to ordain was preceded by a mounting storm of controversy. After the decision it was found that those who opposed women priests were not going to change their attitude because they were outvoted. The issue is no longer widely discussed but it is a fact that the Church of Sweden is divided into two camps on the question of women priests and this deep and continuing

division has weakened the Church of Sweden. A second result is seen in the selection of bishops. When a new bishop is to be appointed, the Church holds elections and submits three names to the Government Minister of Church Affairs. In the name of democracy the Government is committed to the ordination of women, yet has shown an undemocratic tendency to pass over the names of any candidates who head the poll, if known not to be in favour of ordaining women, and to select as bishop someone willing to follow the Government line. As a result there is widespread resentment among opponents of women priests at this apparent discrimination.

A third result is frustration that men who oppose ordination of women risk their careers if they say so. A number of priests have sought other employment and an unknown number of ordinands decided not to seek ordination.

What of the results for the women priests themselves? At first there were parishes willing and eager to welcome them. Those people who could not in conscience accept their ministrations could usually go elsewhere. Recently, however, the Bishop of a diocese which had from the first welcomed women priests found that the first seventeen vicars he telephoned to try to place a woman priest all declined. The eighteenth did agree, but received strong opposition from his staff of curates.

It is argued that it would be difficult to claim that the ordination of women has brought any great improvement to the Church of Sweden. She has added eighty women to her clergy - about three per cent, but she may well have lost more men priests and ordinands in the process. It is claimed that many of the best men are no longer permitted to be bishops; even supporters of women priests are beginning to grumble that the Church is not getting the men she needs in positions of

responsibility; and it is said that the episcopate is paler and flatter than it was twenty years ago. The Church of Sweden has gained publicity in the media but remains weakened and divided in herself. She has learned that, whatever the difficulties are in opening the priesthood to women, the real difficulties begin afterwards.

(The above is extracted, without comment, from an Article by Sydney Linton)

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS invites all to attend an Award Presentation Evening on Friday 20th September at the Y.M.C.A. Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, beginning at 7.30 p.m. A number of trophies given by the Nottingham Evening Post will be received and presented, namely the Leadership Award, three 5-a-side Football Cups, the Tug-o'-War Cup, two Chess Shields, the Knock-out Cup, two Table Tennis Shields, and individual trophies.

Also to be presented will be the J.L.Manser Silver Cup given by the Nottingham and Notts. Darts Association for the Senior League Championship for mixed teams with individual awards, and the N.A.Y.C. Festival Award of Merit for Art (including photography), Cake-making and Decoration.

Refreshments will be provided. Following the presentations there will be a discotheque for club members. It is hoped that one or more sporting celebrities will be present to make the Awards.

Admission is by ticket only at 10p obtainable from members of Youth Clubs. It is hoped that a large attendance will support those who are to receive awards and encourage those who did not participate to do so on another occasion.

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My dear people,

Yesterday I went into the school and saw a beautiful project, but to my astonishment I saw "The Fall" marking it. For a moment I thought the children were being given some idea of the mystery of the original sin and then I realised that it was just the American way of saying 'Autumn'. I myself prefer the old English word, although the American phrase is more expressive. It is a lovely season and not least in Canada where the maple leaves are indescribably brilliant. Perhaps an early acquaintance with John Keets' "Ode to Autumn" has something to do with my love for this time of the year. It is a beautiful time and in our lives it can be a beautiful time - a time of thankfulness. It is followed by Winter when nature appears to die, but the season is lit up by the glory of Christmas.

As we think of these things we are reminded of the fact of death and recently a number of our families have been bereaved. Some like Mr. Scragg and Mrs. Priestley had reached a full term of life and their passing from us appeared natural and appropriate, but Mr. Greetham died at an early age suddenly and swiftly. We commend all these departed loved ones to God and pray that He will comfort those who sorrow, and especially Mrs. Greetham and her two boys. We know, of course, that death is not the end and that this life is the antechamber to a greater life without limitation and frustration. I would like to let you know a quotation which I find most helpful. "Ultimately it is quite unimportant whether a man dies of hunger, whether he is well or ill. God has not undertaken to see that His servants fare well in this life. We are to have courage to let ourselves go and to put our trust in another whom we have not seen, to seek an invisible hand, to believe in a Heart that has passed through every

one of our fears and reigns above as Christ our Lord. God has promised that whoso serves Him will not be lost. Fear calls forth the desire for security, but faith demands that the heart should abandon itself to the unknown God". May all who read this have this faith and especially at moments of trial, temptation and distress.

St. Luke's Tide, October 18, has for many years been kept as an opportunity for giving to the Medical Missions of the Church. We shall have U.S.P.G. envelopes at hand for this purpose and I ask you to support this work as generously as you can.

On Wednesday, October 23, at the International Centre in Mansfield Road (on the left hand side going out of Nottingham and about five minutes from the Victoria Centre), there will be the Vigil for Racial Harmony. There will be various happenings beginning at 8 p.m., and at midnight there will be a united gathering of all races represented in Nottingham to express together their desire for Racial Harmony. We shall have a service for Christians at 11 p.m. I realise that attendance at such a gathering may be very doubtful for East Bridgford people but do support us with your prayers.

We now know that there is to be a General Election on October 10. The political parties appear to be united in one thing - their realisation of the gravity of the situation due to the gathering momentum of inflation. I hope all who are entitled to do so will vote (not to do so would be a dereliction of duty) and that the election will be conducted with seriousness, consideration and courtesy. I also hope that all of us who are Christians will pray that the country may be guided aright in its decisions.

November 1 is All Saints' Day when we thank God for all those who have been pre-eminent in holiness and whom we call Saints. The following day is

All Souls' Day when we pray for all those who have departed this life that they may enter into the peace of Christ. On both days there will be a Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

September 22 JAMES THOMAS son of  
Jeffrey Ian and Olive Mary  
PENNISTON

We welcome this child into Christ's family

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R.I.P.

September 5 Albert Edward SCRAGG  
Service at Wilford Crematorium.

September 9 Ralph John GREETHAM  
Service in church conducted by  
the Rural Dean (the Revd. Gerald  
Pearce) followed by cremation.

September 16 Florence Louisa PRIESTLEY  
Burial in the churchyard.

August 8 Charlotte Louise JOHNSON  
Cremated (died August 4)

LESSONS AND READERS

October 13 - Trinity 18

9.00 am (O.T.) Daniel 6, 10-23	Dr.G.O.Brooks
(Ep.) Romans 5, 1-11	Mr.A.Curtis
6.30 pm (O.T.) Nehemiah 2	Mr.J.Guy
(N.T.) Philippians 2, 1-18	Mr.H.Russell

October 20 - Trinity 19

9.00 am (O.T.) Isaiah 33, 17-22	Mr.P.Slack
(Ep.) Revelation 7, 9-17	Miss J.Price
6.30 pm (O.T.) Ruth 1	Mr.D.Gould
(N.T.) Philippians 3, 1-16	Mr.J.Jones

October 27 - Trinity 20

9.00 am (O.T.) Genesis 1, 1-3, 24-31a	Mr.A.Reid
(Ep.) Colossians 1, 15-20	Miss P.Stobbs
6.30 pm (O.T.) Ruth 2, 1-20a	Mr.T.Ashton
(N.T.) Philippians 4	Mr.P.Blandy

November 3 - Trinity 21

9.00 am (O.T.) Genesis 3, 1-15	Mr.G.Stobbs
(Ep.) Romans 7, 7-12	Miss S.Marson
6.30 pm (O.T.) Ecclesiasticus 3, 17-29	Mrs.S.Guy
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 1, 1-22	Mr.A.Curtis

November 10 - Trinity 22

9.00 am (O.T.) Genesis 12, 1-9	Capt.Jay
(Ep.) Romans 4, 13-25	Miss P.Marson
6.30 pm (O.T.) Ecclesiasticus 4, 11-28	Mr.T.Ashton
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 4	Mr.J.Guy

(N.B. Ecclesiasticus is in the Apocrypha)

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THE MOTHERS' UNION COFFEE MORNING on 21 September raised £38.86½p. The organisers express grateful thanks to all who supported this event.

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (East Bridgford and District Branch) announce the following events:

Friday October 25 - Annual Dinner to be held in the Village Hall, East Bridgford, the dinner being served by the Women's Section.

Tuesday November 5 at 8 p.m. - Branch Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall.

Sunday November 10 (Armistice Sunday) - The Legion will parade at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m., followed by service in church.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the monthly meeting held in the Hut on 10th September, Mrs. Ruth Johns of the Family First Trust, a registered Voluntary Housing Association, gave an extremely interesting talk on the work done to provide modern accommodation for homeless and lonely people - people of all ages who need basic security so that they can look forward to a future. Family First also run three shops, and the meeting was able to give Mrs. Johns several items of clothing for those shops.

Social time was spent looking at colour slides of Mrs. C. Stobbs' holiday cruise last year.

The next meeting will be held in the Hut on Tuesday, 8th October, when Mrs. C. Lewis will give a talk on forensic science.

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SIDESMEN

Oct. 13	9 a.m.	Mr. Reid	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Curtis
Oct. 20	9 a.m.	Mr. Whittaker	6.30 p.m.	Capt. Jay
Oct. 27	9 a.m.	Dr. Brooks	6.30 p.m.	Dr. Brooks
Nov. 3	9 a.m.	Mr. Hand	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Hand
Nov. 10	9 a.m.	Mr. Reid	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Curtis

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THE 1st SHELFORD AND EAST BRIDGFORD SCOUTS AND SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION would like to thank all those people who helped to make their jumble sale on 14th September such a success. A total of £39.58 was raised.

The Harvest Supper Dance which was to have been held in October has now been cancelled. It is hoped to hold a New Year Dance on January 18th.

Once again a Bonfire and Firework evening will be held (with a large display) on the Reindeer Inn Field at 7.30 p.m. on 5th November. All will be most welcome.

Proceeds from these events will be used to buy camping equipment and other items in order to help the boys to enjoy their scouting.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY - 20th OCTOBER

On the first Sunday after St. Luke's Day, known as Education Sunday, we are invited to pray especially for the educational work of the Church in all its aspects. The Church has 27 Colleges of Education in England and Wales, in which about one-sixth of all our teachers are trained. The Church is also involved in over 6,000 Aided and Controlled Primary Schools and over 200 Secondary Schools in which there are nearly a million children. This is the vast undertaking which needs the support of the whole Church. Prayers should be made also for the whole work of Education and not only for the particular Church involvement.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday 9th October in the Rectory at 8 p.m. Following the inspection by the Diocesan Surveyor, one of the important items for consideration by the Council will be a further report on the preservation of woodwork and the treatment of beetle damage.

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WORDS OF COURAGE

Recently Dom Helder Carnava, an Archbishop in North East Brazil, one of the poorest dioceses in the world, was the recipient of the degree of Doctor of Laws for the defence of Human Rights at Harvard University. Here are some words he said on that occasion -

"Beware especially of a very serious sign - and here I think, above all, of the admirable youth of today's world - the risk that, after the enthusiasm, the dedication without limits, the commitment during University days, one reaches the phase of installation in life, of conformity, of the death of ideals .....

The doctorate with which you honour me brings me to ask of God that at this point of life I do not betray the confidence of youth, and that I spend myself to the end in the service of Man. God permit that the symbol of my life be a candle that burns itself, that spends itself, that consumes itself while there is still wax to burn. When nothing more remains to be consumed, my flame still flickers an instant - and dies, happy in the conviction that one day, perhaps more rapidly than we imagine, the force of right will conquer the pretended right of force."

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My dear people,

We shall soon be keeping the festival of Christmas. What does it mean and how shall we spend it? It means that God entered into our world of time and space as a baby born of a Virgin Mother. The baby's name was Jesus and His Mother's name Mary. These are the essential facts. To put it in the words of the Bible in S. John's Gospel - 'The Word was made flesh' - and this is called the Incarnation i.e. the coming of God into our human way of life and living in the world for thirty three years. So Christmas is not just a children's festival or a domestic orgy, but something much more significant. When Jesus was born he had to be born in a stable because there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn. Jesus was evidently not very welcome. He was we might say an outsider, a refugee, a displaced person. So it seems odd to realise that through the years the Christian Religion has gone along with the inside, the respectable and comfortable in the countries of the west. Nowadays we are realising that this won't do and that a Christian who is not concerned with the displaced and hungry people of the world is not really following the Master whose name he bears. We have realised that compassion must be the mark of our lives if we are to be authentic Christians.

As we approach Christmas and prepare for it and for our Communion, let us seriously decide to make a special gift to those in need; it may be by means of Christian Aid or Mother Teresa. The strange thing would be to receive the Incarnate Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and ignore Him in those who share His unwantedness in the world today.

Remembrance Sunday was a good day and I am glad people gave so generously to the Earl Haig Fund - a record this year. We were well blessed with the weather for the Ceremony at the Memorial Cross.

The Christmas Crib will be put in the Chapel of S. Michael this year and I hope we shall have the beautiful sanctuary lamp in position over it. We are grateful to the anonymous donor of the lamp. It will serve, of course, to indicate the presence of the Holy Sacrament. I am so pleased to see the church today so well cared for. Quite a number of people have remarked on this. We are grateful to the ladies who are working on this and to those who regularly clean brasses and generally try to make the House of God beautiful. It is also good to see the church used increasingly for prayer and to see so many who, while coming regularly on Sundays, also come to the weekday Eucharist.

We assure those who have been bereaved recently of our prayers and good wishes. Alice Randsley received Holy Communion at home from time to time. We were privileged to have Ethel Blagg living in our village for her last days. She was buried at Car Colston. We have lost two faithful members of the Church on earth but we rejoice that they have gone into the closer presence of Christ and that we share in their continued love by our prayers.

Every blessing,

+Bernard Markham

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Matrimony

16 November James Eric Wilkinson and Janet Irene Marczak  
24 November Paul Hart and Christine Joan Ellis

We wish them every blessing in their married lives.

### R.I.P.

5 November Alice Elizabeth Randsley  
15 November Ethel Blagg

## CHRISTMAS 1974

CHRISTMAS DAY    12 Midnight Eucharist  
                    8 Eucharist at Kneeton  
                    9 Parish Eucharist  
                    4.30 p.m. Carol Service

The Rector will be in church for counselling, consultation and confessions on Sunday, 22nd December at 3 p.m., Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Please use your Christian Aid envelope and put it in the collection plate at Christmas. I commend also the appeal for Invalid Children's Aid Association in the church porch.

B.M.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE met for their monthly meeting in the hut on 12th November and were delighted to welcome Mrs. B. Russell who gave a most delightful and interesting demonstration on Christmas decorations. Amongst the materials used were holly, pinecones, candles and flowers she had made out of honesty seeds. Mrs. Russell told the members that the 'in' colours this year for table decorations were pink and silver. The audience learnt how to make a huge cracker for the Christmas table. All members left the meeting eager to start making their decorations.

Mrs. V. James won the competition for a decorated Christmas cracker. The Whist Drive held recently raised £15 for cancer research.

The next meeting will be held in the hut on 10th December. This is to be a fashion show, with members modelling, by Pauline Burke of Newark. It will also be the last opportunity for obtaining tickets for the New Years Party.

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THE CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held in the VILLAGE HALL on Saturday, 7th December, starting at 2.30 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds. PLEASE come and give your support.

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## THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES

This is the Diamond Jubilee year for all Brownies and to celebrate it East Bridgford Brownies would like to invite all over 60's to a cup of tea and small entertainment on Tuesday, 31st December, at the W.I. Hut, beginning at 3 p.m. and finishing at 5 p.m. If transport is needed, a note to Mrs. Guy, Lammas House, Kneeton Road will arrange this, or have your name put on a list which will be in the Post Office.

The Brownies are collecting milk bottle tops and used stamps to buy a guide dog for a blind person, and clean paper or magazines to help equip a Brownie pack holiday house and Guiders' training centre at Linby in Nottinghamshire. Any of these items may be given to a Brownie, or taken to Mrs. Guy or Mrs. Bontoft.

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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

A FUR AND FEATHER BINGO will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 13th December, at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the Branch Benevolent Fund. ALL are welcome.

The usual BRANCH MEETING will be held on Tuesday, 7th January 1975, in the East Bridgford Village Hall Committee Room at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend this meeting.

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EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL 1974

RESULTS

(1973)	<u>POPPY SALES</u>	1974
£		£
(31.02)	1.RAF Newton	38.00
	2.East Bridgford:-	
(63.53)	(a) Women's Section	79.76
( 6.55)	(b) Inns	12.13
(13.29)	(c) Shops	14.16
(83.37)	Total East Bridgford	106.05
(81.21)	3.Rest of District	98.45
(195.60)	TOTAL DISTRICT POPPY SALES	242.50

CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

(21.43)	East Bridgford S.Peter's	25.11
(17.40)	Other Churches in District	30.40
(38.83)	Total Churches	55.51
(34.65)	<u>SALE OF WREATHS</u>	42.80

FINAL DISTRICT TOTALS

(45.02)	RAF Newton	54.40
(122.55)	East Bridgford	154.26
(101.51)	Rest of District	132.15
(269.08)	GRAND TOTAL	340.81

We set ourselves a target of £330 this year, 20% above last year's record. The amount achieved is a 25% increase.

This is, indeed, a splendid result and the Legion thanks everyone who has helped to achieve it.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

announce a Competition. Will you help the Guild Committee to design a New Badge? They need your help. Send your design to "Bell Badge, Blyth Vicarage, Worksop, Notts. S81 8EQ."

Sketches should be coloured and be 2" diameter. The manufacturer will reduce them to about 5p size. Non-circular shapes are very suitable; shield shapes are popular.

A prize of £1 will be sent to the designer of the best badge, and there are NO age limits. the competition is open to ALL. Don't forget to include your name and address (and tower if you are a Ringer). Closing date is 31st December 1974.

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If you are not a church bell ringer, why not learn? It is a craft that has never had to be revived because it has never died out since it started about 1650 A.D. But recruits are needed everywhere. Church Bells sound very nice and, as our Bishop said, they are the loudest voice the Church has got!

Anyone over the age of 12 can learn. We know of a band in the West Country who all learnt after they had retired. Young people find it quite exciting and older people very rewarding. Ask the Rector or Mr. Guy or The Revd. R.C. Hall, Blyth Vicarage (telephone 090 - 976 - 229)

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PAINTING AND DECORATING, internal or external, domestic or commercial premises, expertly undertaken by Mr. Peter Cartledge. Enquiries welcomed. Telephone: East Stoke 471

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MOTHER TERESA'S WAY OF LOVE

Whatever You Do

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat,  
When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink

Whatever you do to the least of my brothers,  
that you do unto me.  
Now enter the house of my Father.

When I was homeless, you opened your doors,  
When I was naked, you gave me your coat,

When I was weary, you helped me to find rest,  
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears,

When I was little, you taught me to read,  
When I was lonely, you gave me your love,

When in a prison, you came to my cell,  
When on a sick bed, you cared for my needs,

In a strange country, you made me at home,  
Seeking employment, you found me a job,

Hurt in a battle, you bound up my wounds,  
Searching for kindness, you held out your hand,

When I was Negro, or Chinese, or white,  
Mocked and insulted you carried my cross.

When I was aged, you bothered to smile,  
When I was restless, you listened and cared.

You saw me covered with spittle and blood,  
You knew my features, though grimy with sweat.

When I was laughed at, you stood by my side,  
When I was happy, you shared in my joy.

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CHRISTIAN AID

This Christmas, Christian Aid - the ecumenical service agency of the British Council of Churches - again makes its annual appeal to the churches. The leaflet which is being distributed in this parish explains how Christian Aid will use our gifts to support a wide variety of relief and development projects throughout the world. PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE for your contributions, or send them direct to Christian Aid, P.O.Box No. 1., London, SW1W 9BW.

LOVE AND LET LIVE

On this year's leaflets, posters and gift envelopes used for the Christian Aid appeal there appears the injunction, "Love and Let Live". In a world where the economic progress of the poor is handicapped by the self-interest of the prosperous, the plea to 'let live' is not a laissez-faire policy. It requires of individuals and of nations a positive act of sharing and even a measure of sacrifice. But until the industrialised countries curb their appetite for yet more of the earth's finite resources and a still bigger share of world trade, and until their societies are prepared to limit their demands, most action remains on a purely individual basis. Individual sharing means individual giving. The money we share in this way may not change the world, but it can and does enable Christian Aid to help poor communities to change the lives of individuals and families for the better.

Resources put at Christian Aid's disposal are in turn put by them into the hands of churches and Christian workers in areas of need. Their hands are our hands. And they convert our pounds and pence into opportunities for self-help by the poor themselves: training courses in agriculture, trades and handicrafts, implements, livestock, seed, wells and pumps; medical instruction and clinics; scholarships for secondary and further education.

Thus, through Christian Aid's annual appeal to Christians for their personal contributions, we have the opportunity to become partners of the poor. In practical form, our love lets them live a little longer and a little better. And it speaks of the one born of love and dying in love to help us live.

"Love one another as I have loved you".

From the Christian Aid Appeal leaflet:

"In its pursuit of economic growth the industrial west keeps the poor off the road by protective trade barriers. The fairer sharing practised by some individuals would, if translated into national policies, slow down our rate of progress only a little, but it could release a proportion of our wealth to the poorer countries and allow them to enter the traffic stream. While awaiting - and urging that breakthrough, the individual Christian is challenged to heed the cry of the poor for mercy. Christian Aid is an instrument used by the Church in these islands so that mercy may be shown - for the love of God and for no other reason. What better way is there to demonstrate reverence for God than by showing love for man?"

Belief in the respect for man has shaped Christian Aid's whole approach to overseas development and relief. Respect for the individual is paramount, and part of his dignity is his right to support himself and his dependents. So Christian Aid does not go into another man's country as a Lady Bountiful. Except in dire emergencies when life can be preserved only by giving immediate relief, direct handouts are avoided. Instead resources are concentrated on creating opportunities for self-help".

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## READERS AND READINGS

### December 22 - Fourth in Advent

9.00 am (O.T.) Zechariah 2,10-13	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.) Revelation 21,1-7	Mr. K. Finch
6.30 pm (O.T.) Isaiah 40,1-11	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) 2 Peter 3,1-14	Mr. D. Gould

### December 24 Christmas Eve

12.00 midnight	
(O.T.) Micah 5,2-4	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.) 1 John 4,7-14	Miss J. Price

### December 25 - Christmas Day

9.00 am (O.T.) Isaiah 9,2-7	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.) Titus 2,11-14	Miss P. Stobbs

### December 29 - Sunday after Christmas

9.00 am (O.T.) Isaiah 49,1-13	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.) Ephesians 3,1-6	Miss C. Price
6.30 pm (O.T.) Isaiah 12	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Philippians 2,1-11	Miss S. Marson

### January 5 - Christmas 2

9.00 am (O.T.) Deuteronomy 16,1-6	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.) Romans 8, 12-17	Miss A. Gould
6.30 pm (O.T.) Isaiah 60,1-7	Mr. J. Guy
(N.T.) Romans 15,8-21	Capt. Jay

### January 12 - Epiphany I

9.00 am (O.T.) Isaiah 42,1-12	Miss P. Marson
(Ep.) Ephesians 2,1-10	Mr. T. Ashton
6.30 pm (O.T.) Isaiah 61	Mr. P. Slack
(N.T.) Matthew 2	Mr. A. Curtis

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SIDESMEN ON SUNDAYS

Dec. 22	9 am	Dr. Brooks	6.30 pm	Dr. Brooks
Dec. 29	9 am	Mr. Hand	6.30 pm	Mr. Hand
Jan. 5	9 am	Mr. Hand	6.30 pm	Mr. Hand
Jan. 12	9 am	Mr. Reid	6.30 pm	Mr. Curtis

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EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

Nov. 2	v Clifton Alb.	(away)	Won 3 - 2
9	v Cranfleet	(home)	Won 3 - 0
16	v Sherwood Utd.	(home)	Lost 1 - 5

2nd Team

Nov. 2	v Padstow Res.	(home)	Lost 0 - 4
9	v Trent Poly. Res.	(away)	Lost 0 - 4
16	v F.C. Pegasus	(away)	Won 5 - 2

FIXTURES

1st Team

2nd Team

Nov. 30	Balderton Wand. (home)	Ryecroft Res. (away)
Dec. 7	Porch.Utd.Res. (home)	S.Notts Ath. (away)
14	R.O.F. (away)	R.O.F. (A) (home)
21	Hucknall Y.W. (home)	Edingley Rang(away)
28	Hucknall Y.W. (away)	Edingley Rang(home)

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ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY NEW SHEET

Because of the intervention of the Christmas and New Year holidays, items for inclusion in the News Sheet for January should be in the hands of the Editor not later than 15th December.

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